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# Alternative Fuels Strategy and Results

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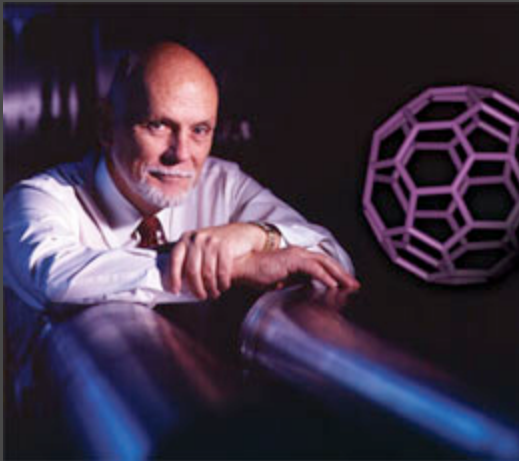
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**“Energy is the single most important challenge facing humanity today” Richard Smalley 2004**

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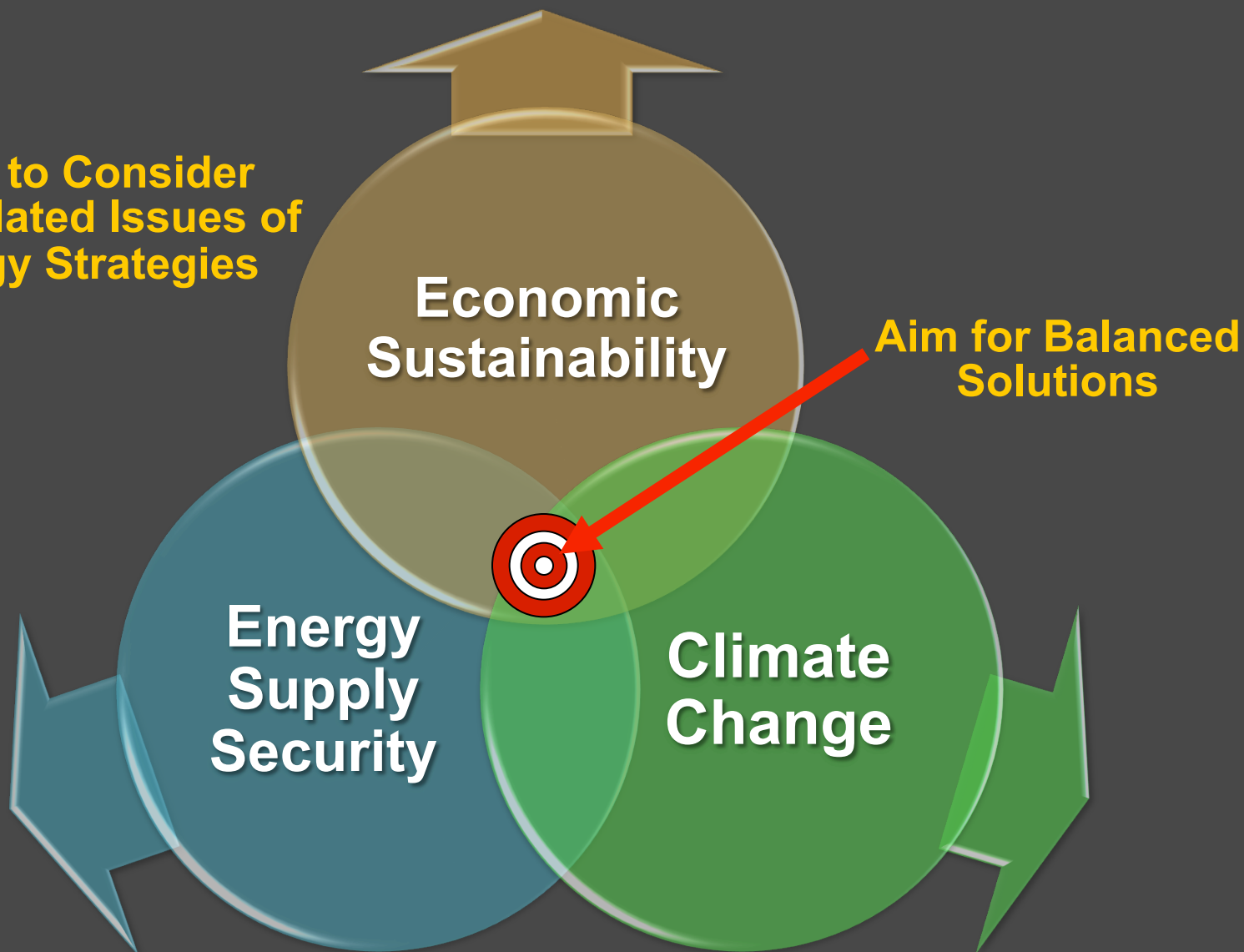
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- Poverty
- Terrorism and War
- Disease
- Education
- Democracy
- Population





# National Energy Strategy

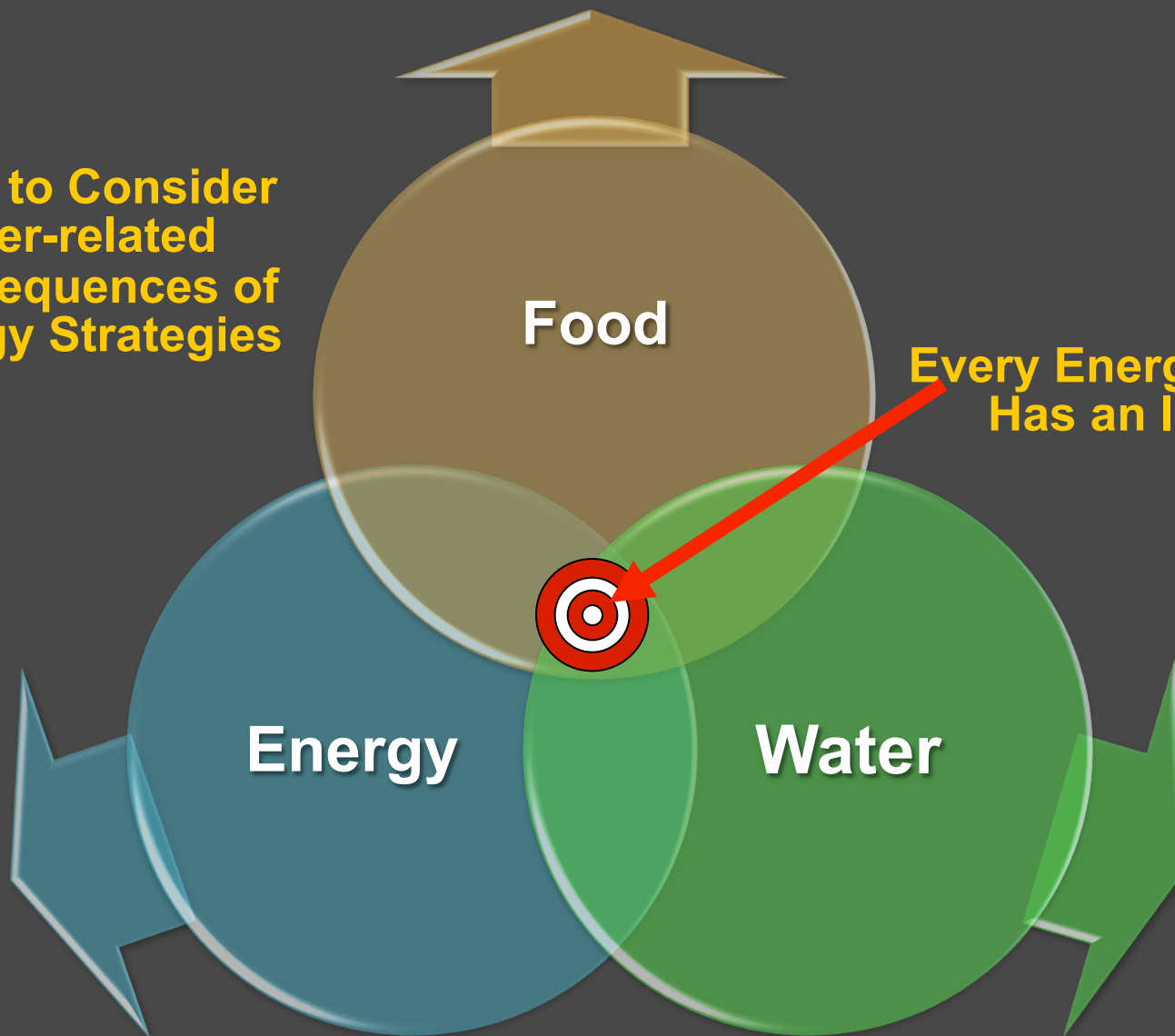
**Need to Consider  
Inter-related Issues of  
Energy Strategies**





# Global Energy Strategy

**Need to Consider  
Inter-related  
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**Food**

**Every Energy Source  
Has an Impact**

**Energy**

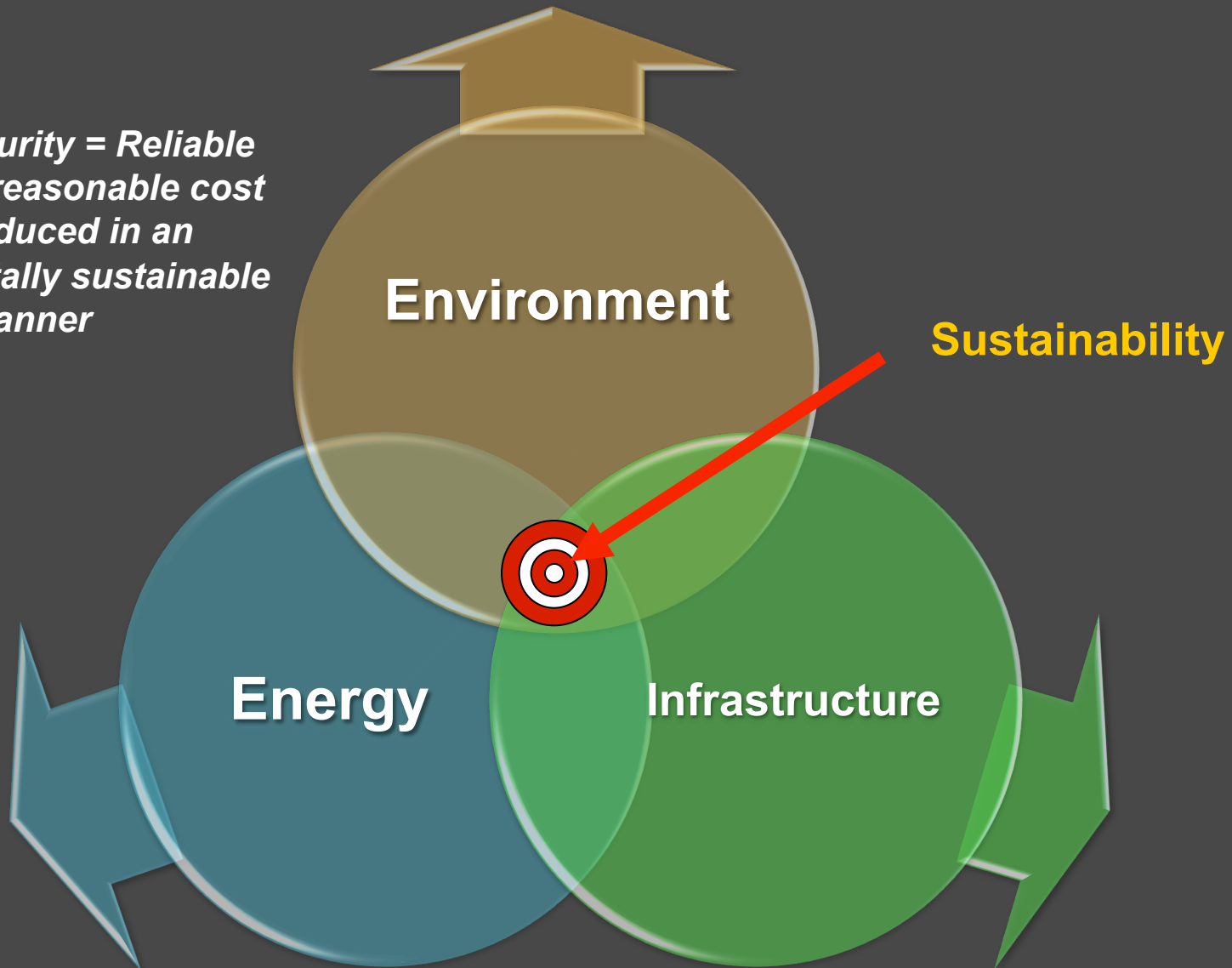
**Water**





# Sustainable Energy Strategy

*Energy Security = Reliable  
supply at a reasonable cost  
and produced in an  
environmentally sustainable  
manner*





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# Air Force Energy Policy



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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

The original AFPD 23-3, dated 7 September 1993, required updating to meet mission changes. Major changes include establishing energy goals, objectives, and metrics and establishing an Energy Senior Focus Group and Energy Management Working Groups at the Headquarters,

**AFPD 90-17**



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**AFI 90-1701**

**Formally established the AF Energy Program:  
Strategy, Goals, Objectives and Metrics**

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# U.S. Air Force Energy Approach



## Vision:

***Make Energy A Consideration In All We Do™***

## Strategy:

***Reduce Demand  
Increase Supply  
Change the Culture***



# Air Force 2008 Energy Use

**Over \$9 billion spent for energy in 2008**

## Aviation

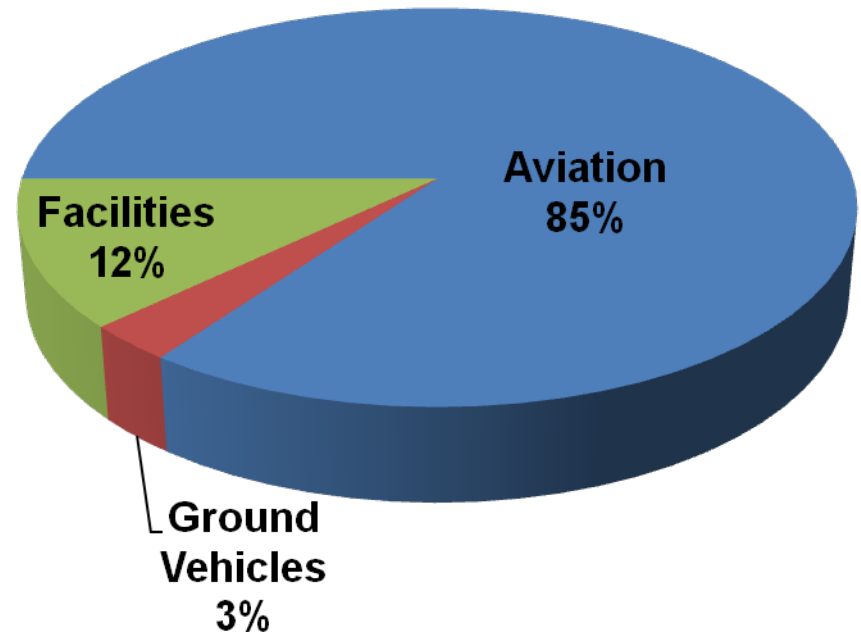
- Fuel Used: 2.4B gallons
- Fuel Cost: \$7.7B

## Facilities

- Energy Used: 66.8M MBTU
- Energy Costs: \$1.1B

## Ground Equipment and Vehicles

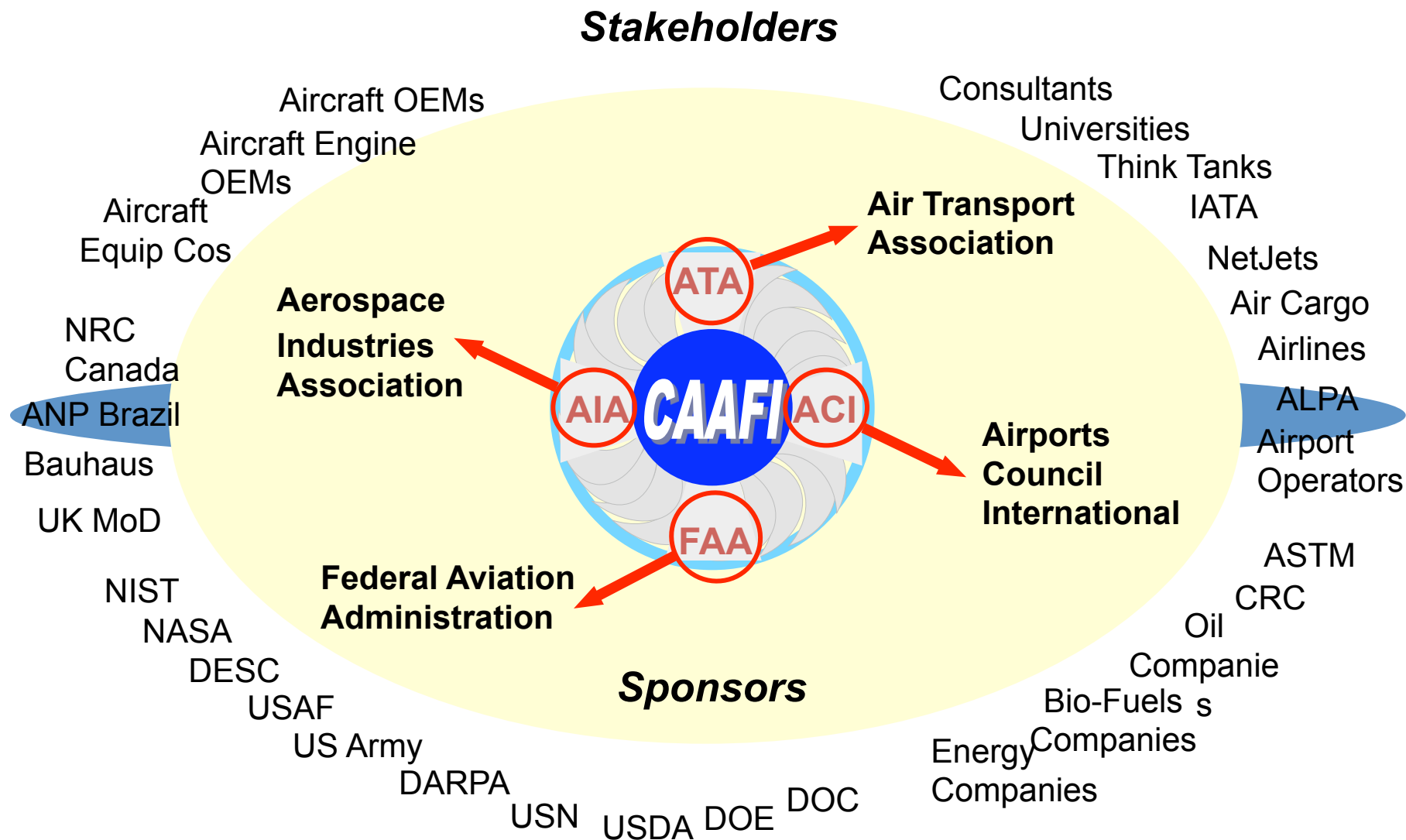
- Fuel Used: 89.8M gallons
- Fuel Costs: \$284.2M



SOURCE: AF Total Cost of Operations Data Base

**DoD Aviation ~10% of domestic jet fuel market**

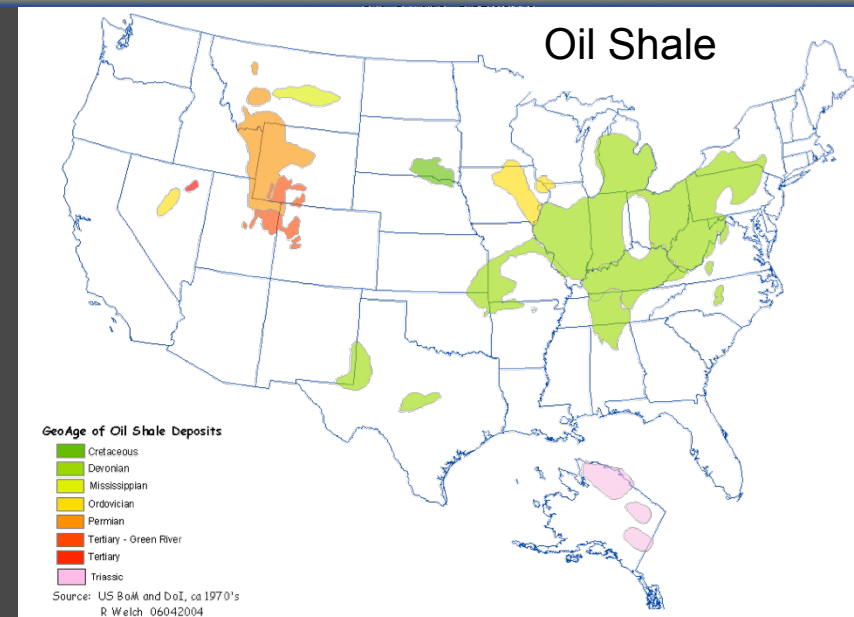
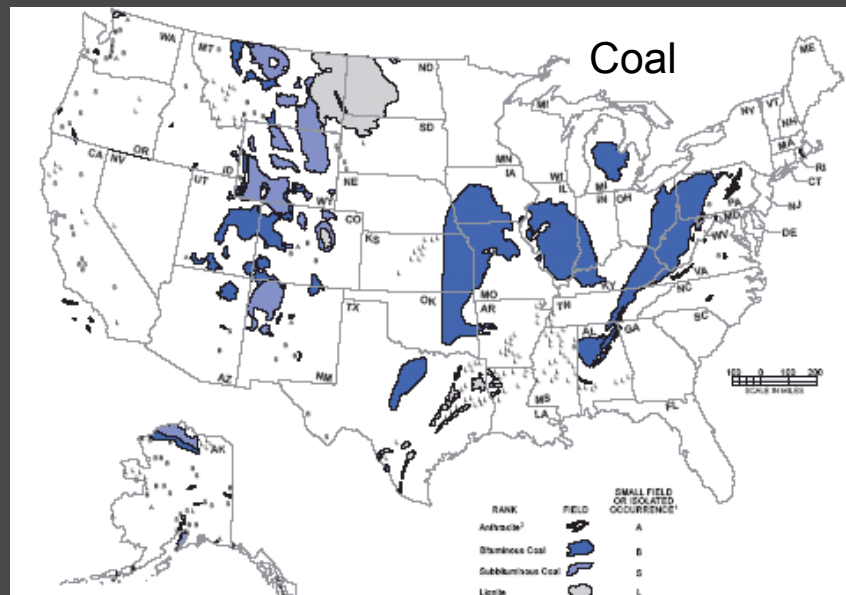
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# Alternatives to Oil: US Energy Resources

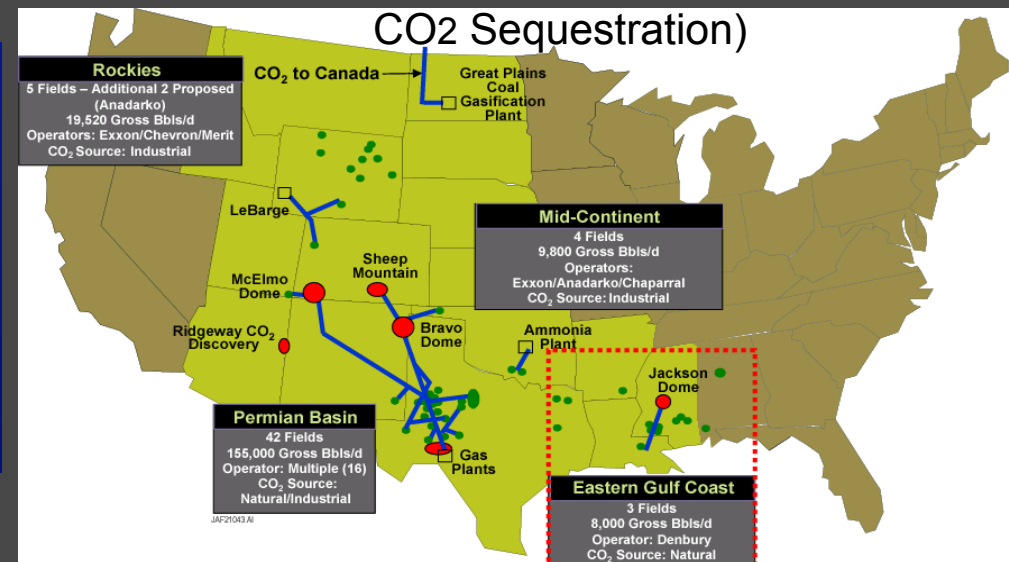


## Domestic Resources

- 1.4 trillion barrels (shale)
- 900 billion barrels of FT (coal)
- 0.15 billion barrels (pet coke)
- 22.7 billion barrels oil reserves
- 240 billion barrels of oil (EOR)
- Billion+ tons of biomass

**Total 2.3+ trillion barrels equivalent**

## CO2 Sequestration







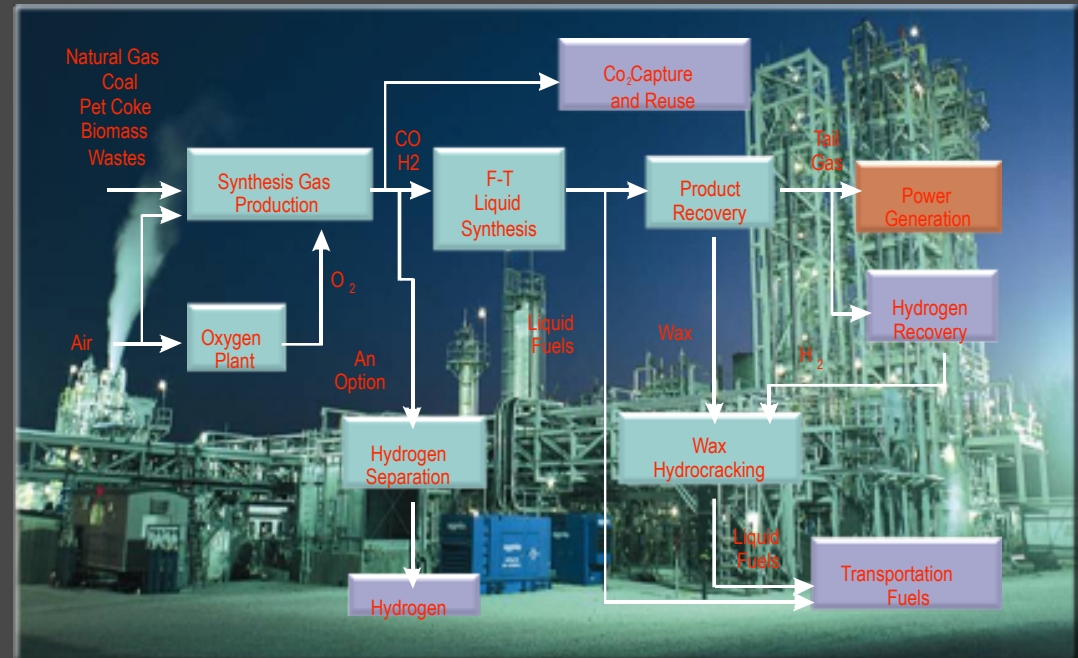
# First Generation Alternative Fuels

## Mature Process:

Fischer Tropsch is a proven process with benefits including:

- Maturity: South African aviation use 1999
  - CTL – South Africa, China
  - GTL – Malaysia, Middle East
  - BTL -- Germany
- Chemical similarities to conventional fuels
- Manufactured fuel
  - No sulfur
  - Reduced particulates
  - High/Low temperature stability

## Fischer-Tropsch Technology



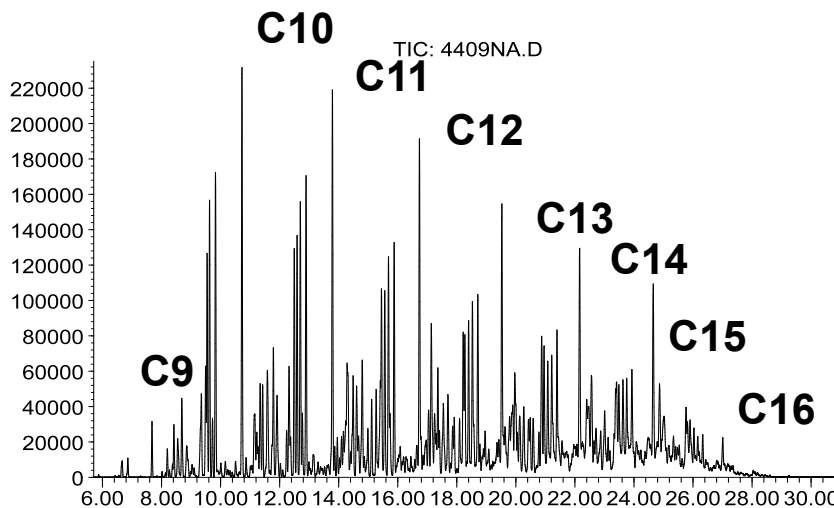


# FT Fuels Reduce Emissions

## ■ Less Pollutant Emissions

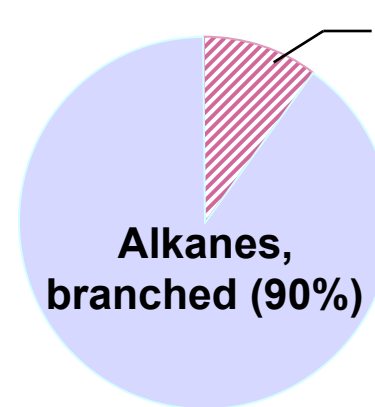
- ~3.5% less CO<sub>2</sub> (100% FT)
- 50% to 90% less particulate matter (PM)
- 100% reduction in SO<sub>x</sub>
- ~1% less fuel burn (increased gravimetric energy density)

Abundance



Time-->

Hydrocarbon types in Syntroleum S-5



n-alkanes (10%)

**Zero aromatics**

**Zero sulfur**

**No heteroatoms**

**Highly Paraffinic Fuel – normal and isoparaffins**

**Petroleum derived fuels are rich in aromatics, cycloparaffins, and heteroatoms**





# B-52 Certified for 50/50 Blend!

8 Aug 2007

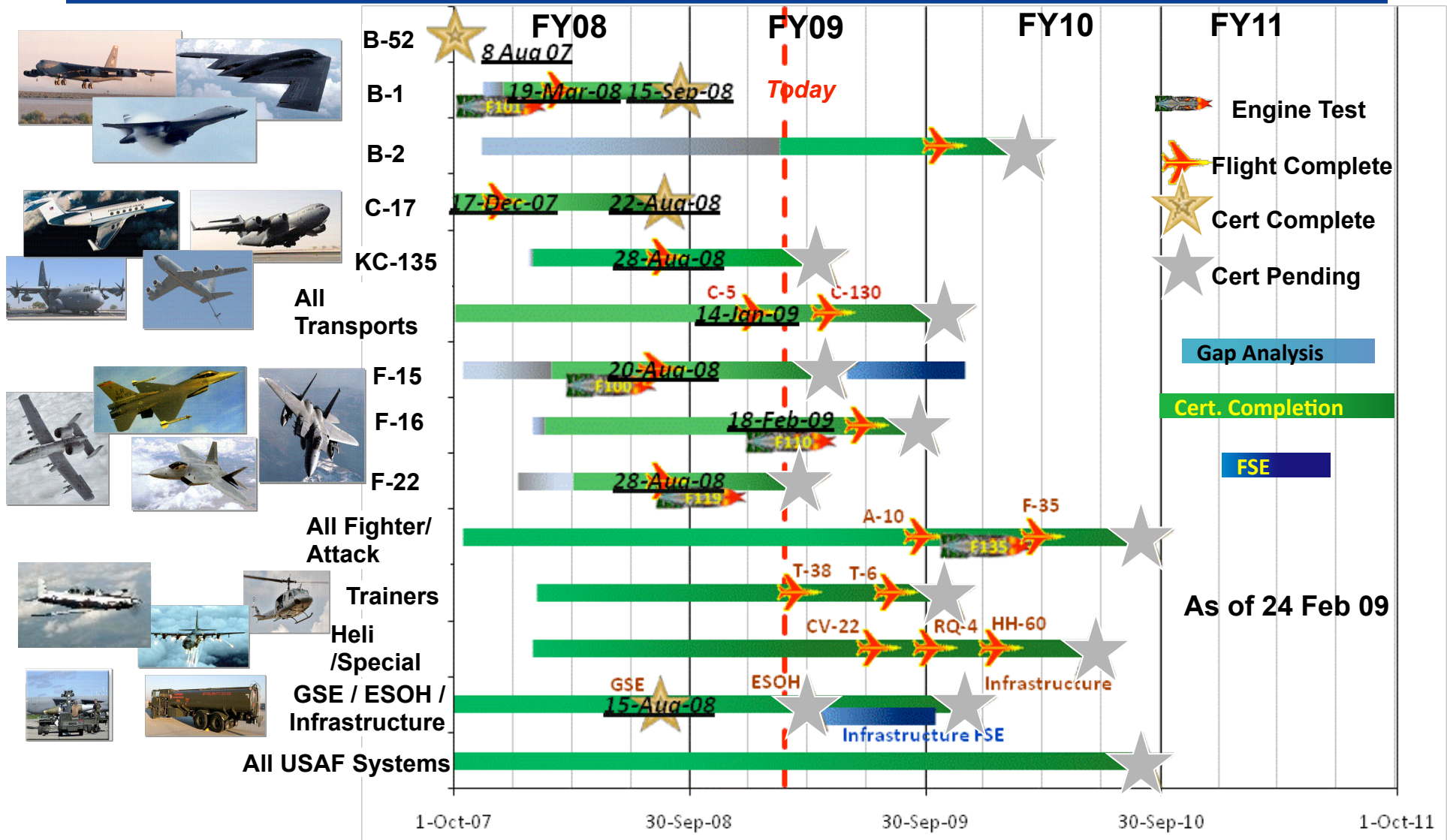


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# Schedule-Synthetic Fuel Blend

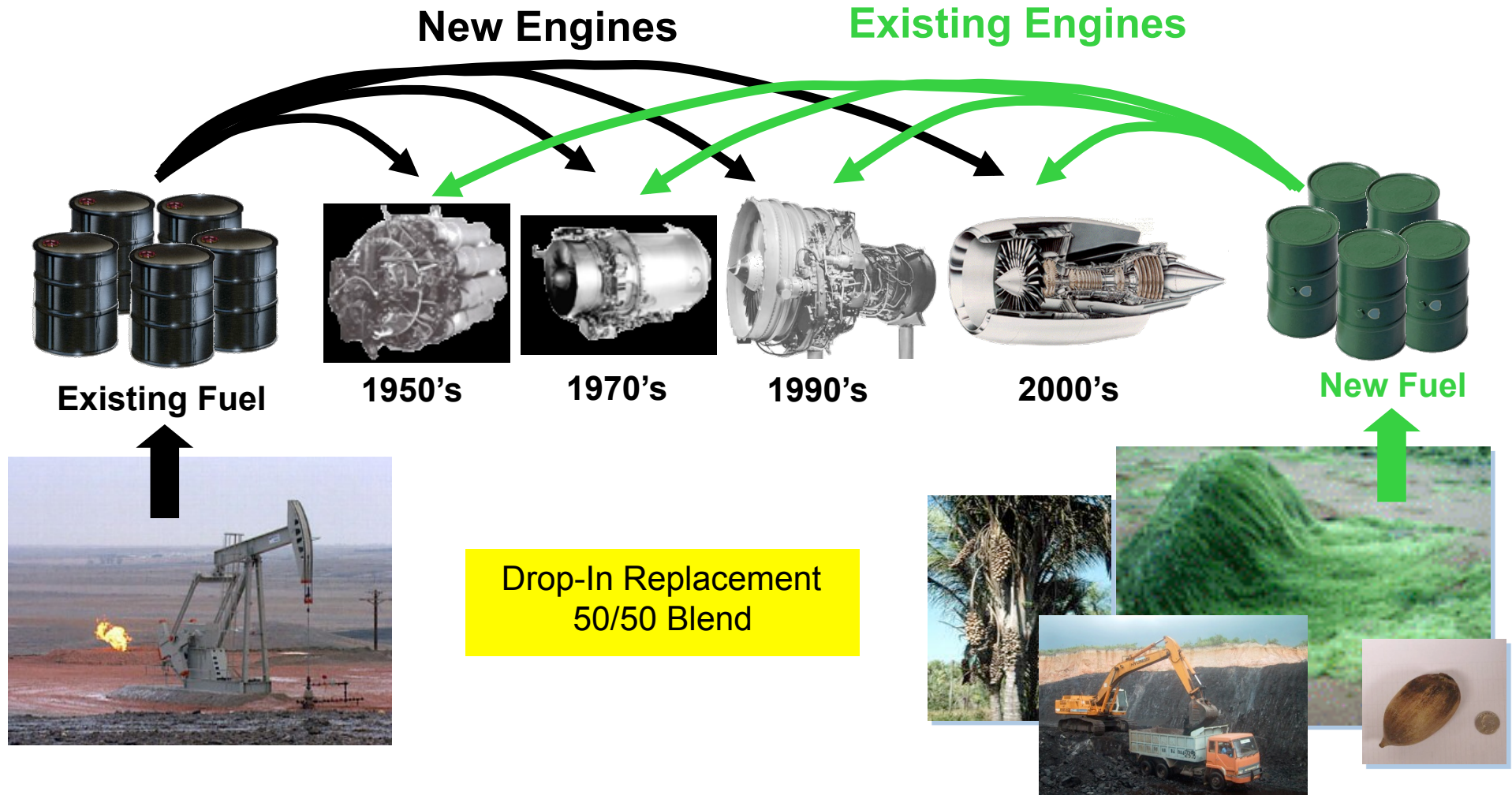
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# The Certification Challenge



Mark Rumizen FAA 2008

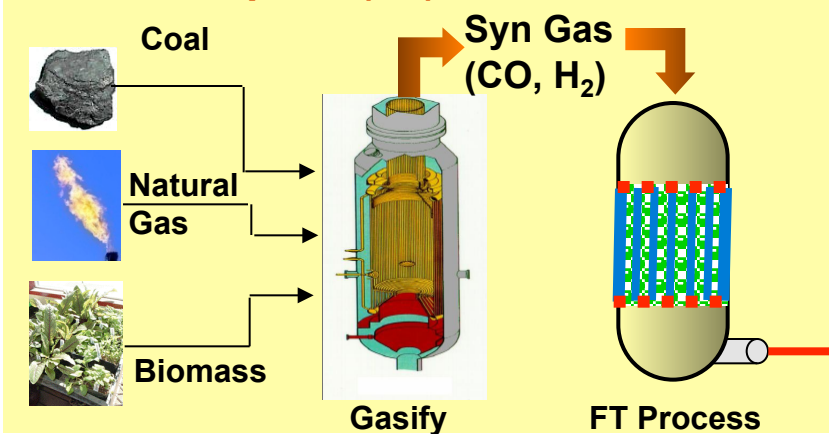
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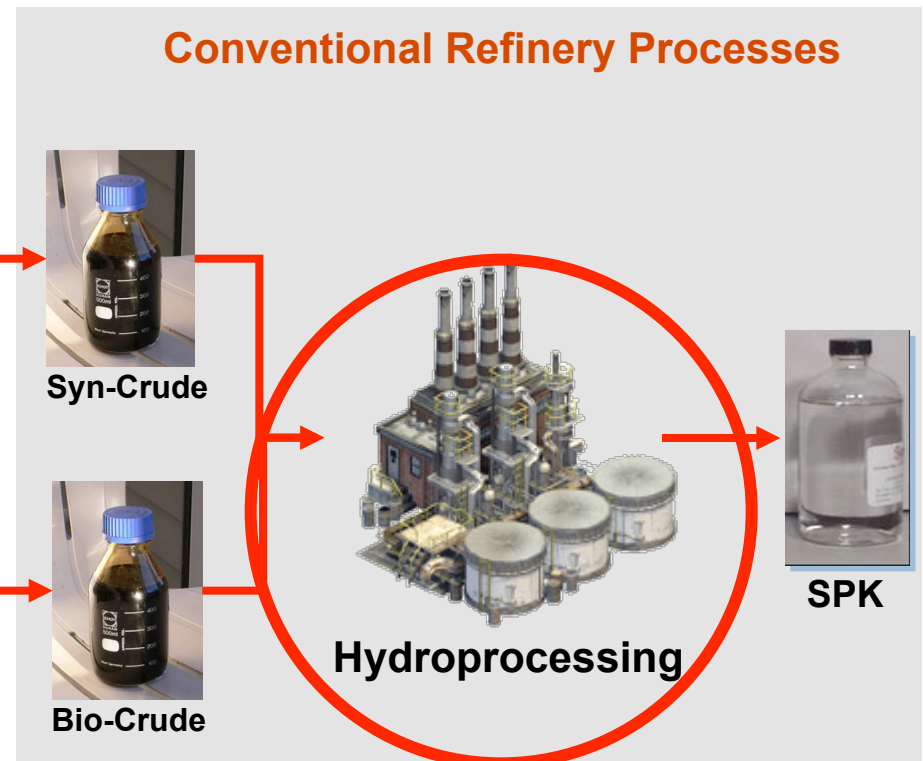
# Synthetic Blend Components in Certification Phase

AF Certification complete in 2010 Fuel  
Class Listed in Int'l Fuel Specifications  
(Expected Sept '09)

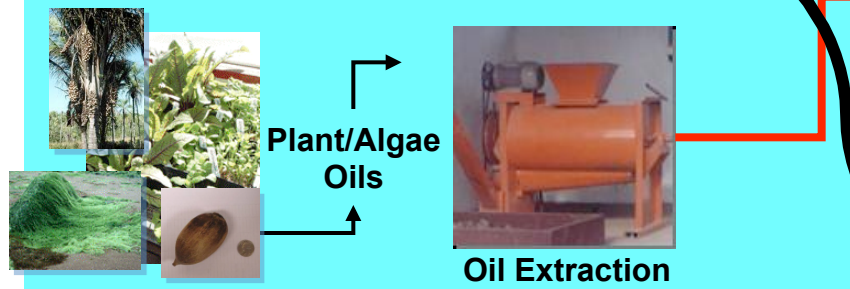
## Fischer-Tropsch (FT)



## Conventional Refinery Processes



## Hydroprocessed Renewable Jet (HRJ) from Bio-Oils



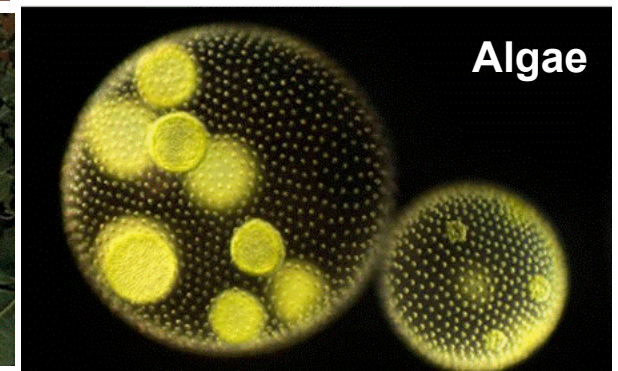
Fit-For-Purpose Property Testing  
Underway



# Hydrotreated Renewable Jet “HRJ” Fuels



**Animal Fats  
(Tyson Syntroleum)**





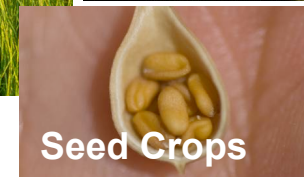
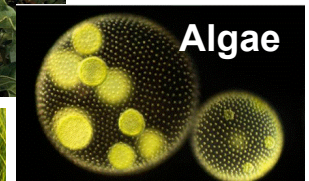


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# ***Increase Supply:***

## ***Biomass-Derived Fuel Blend Certification***

- Identifying and characterizing biomass jet fuel
  - Foundation for next certification step
- “Hydrotreated Renewable Jet” (HRJ)
  - Rapid certification possible due to composition similarities to Fisher-Tropsch
  - Reduce lifecycle greenhouse gases (joint FAA/DOE/EPA studies underway)
  - Testing DARPA 100% biojet candidates
  - Evaluating Syntroleum/Tyson “yellow grease” HRJ
- Other biomass-derived fuels
  - Non-food seed oils (near term)
  - Halophytes, algae (far term)
  - Cellulosic materials (far term)



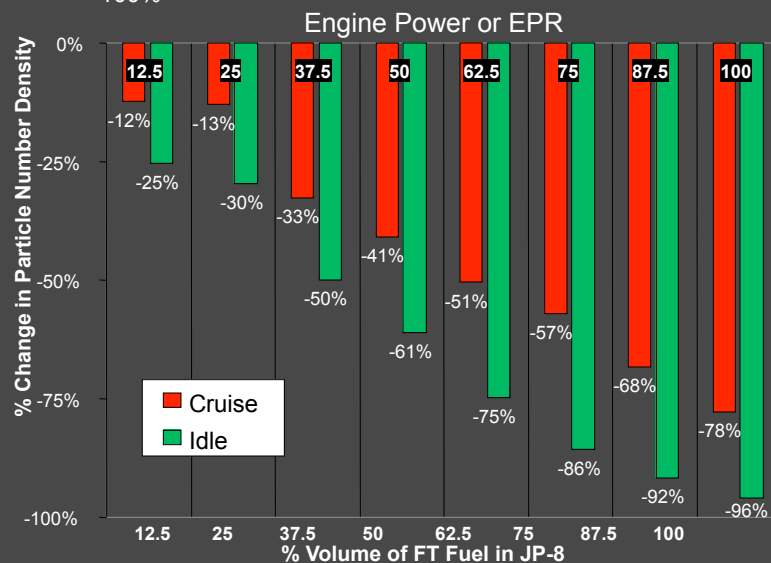
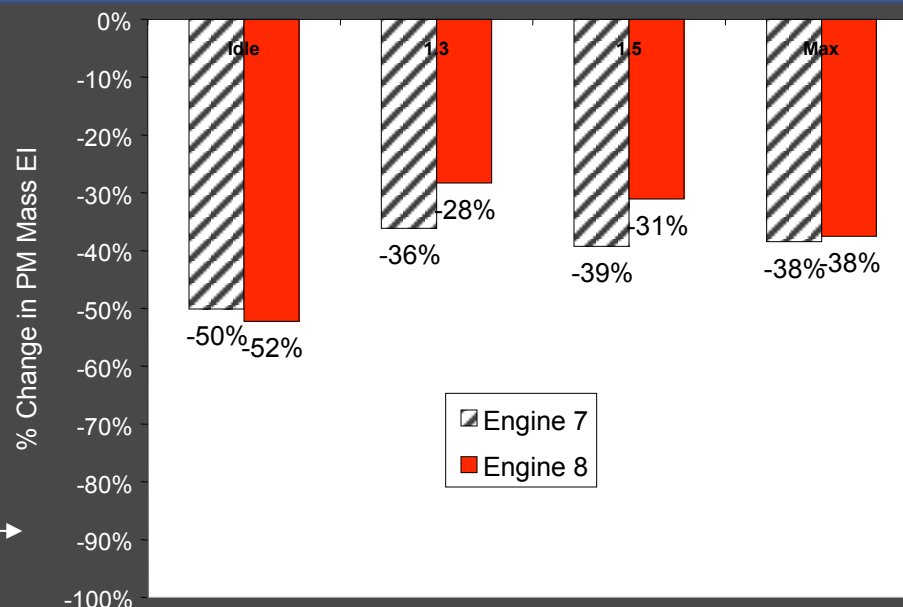
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# Fischer-Tropsch Fuels

## Significantly Reduced Particulate Emissions







# U.S. Air Force Greenhouse Gas Inventory Initiative



- Voluntary carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) inventory used to:
  - Evaluate policy and operational impacts
  - Support sustainability
  - Identify risk areas
  - Understand investment and mitigation areas

2007 CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (million metric tons)	
Aviation Operations	23.98
Facility Electricity and Steam	6.93
Stationary Fuel Combustion	2.37
Ground Transportation and Equipment	1.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34.40</b>

*CO<sub>2</sub> inventory paves way for change*



# Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

## Section 526

“No Federal Agency shall enter into a contract for procurement of an alternative or synthetic fuel, including fuel produced from nonconventional petroleum sources, for any mobility-related use, other than research and testing, unless the contract specifies that the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production and combustion of the fuel supplied under the contract must, on an ongoing basis, be less than or equal to such emissions from the equivalent conventional fuel produced from conventional petroleum sources.”



# GHG Life Cycle Analysis

## Framework and Guidance for Estimating Greenhouse Gas Footprints of Aviation Fuels

The Aviation Fuel Life Cycle Assessment Working Group

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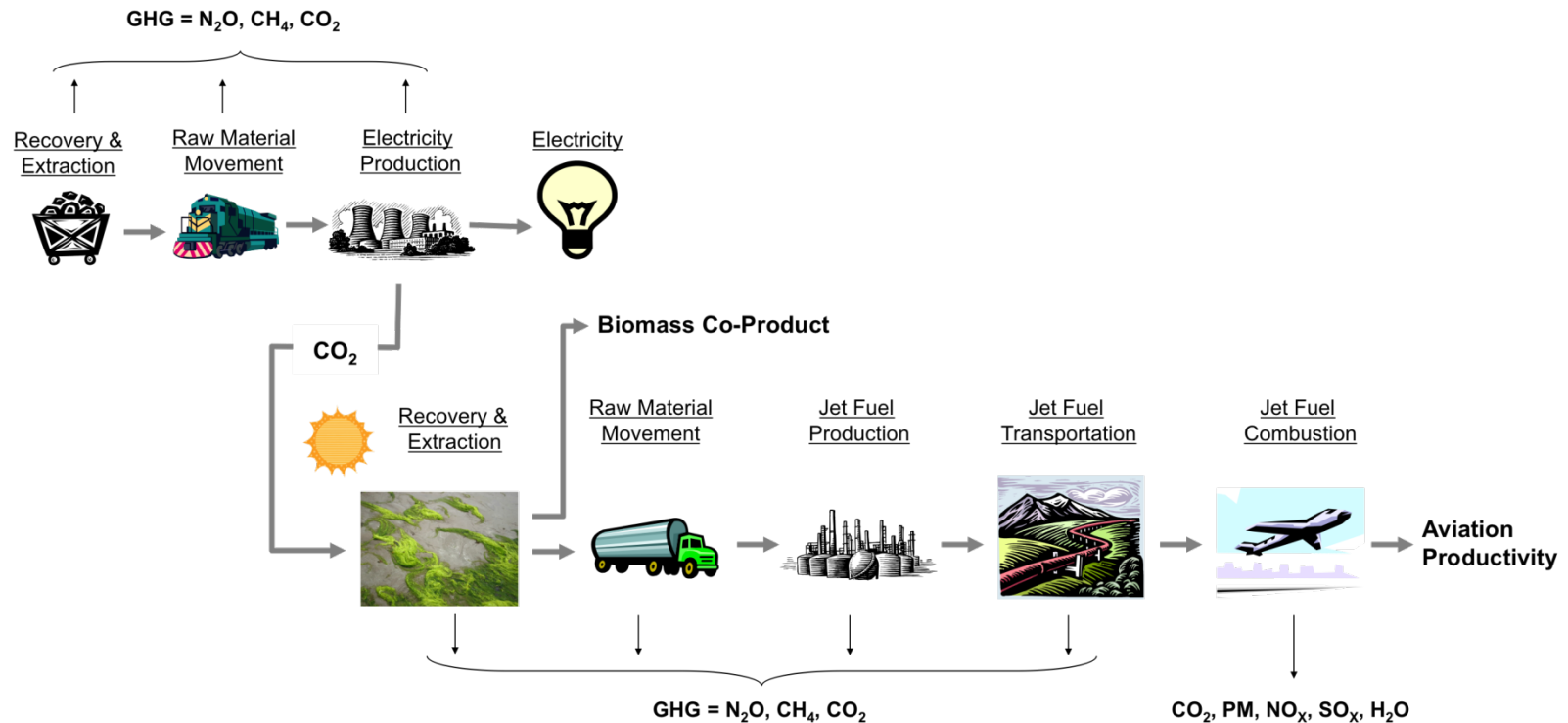


23 April 2009

- **Guidance for GHG LCA**
  - Draft Issued April 23
  - Includes Land-Use Impacts
- **USAF Led Working Group**
  - CAAFI, DOE, Universities, FAA, Boeing
- **Peer Review Complete – revision in progress**



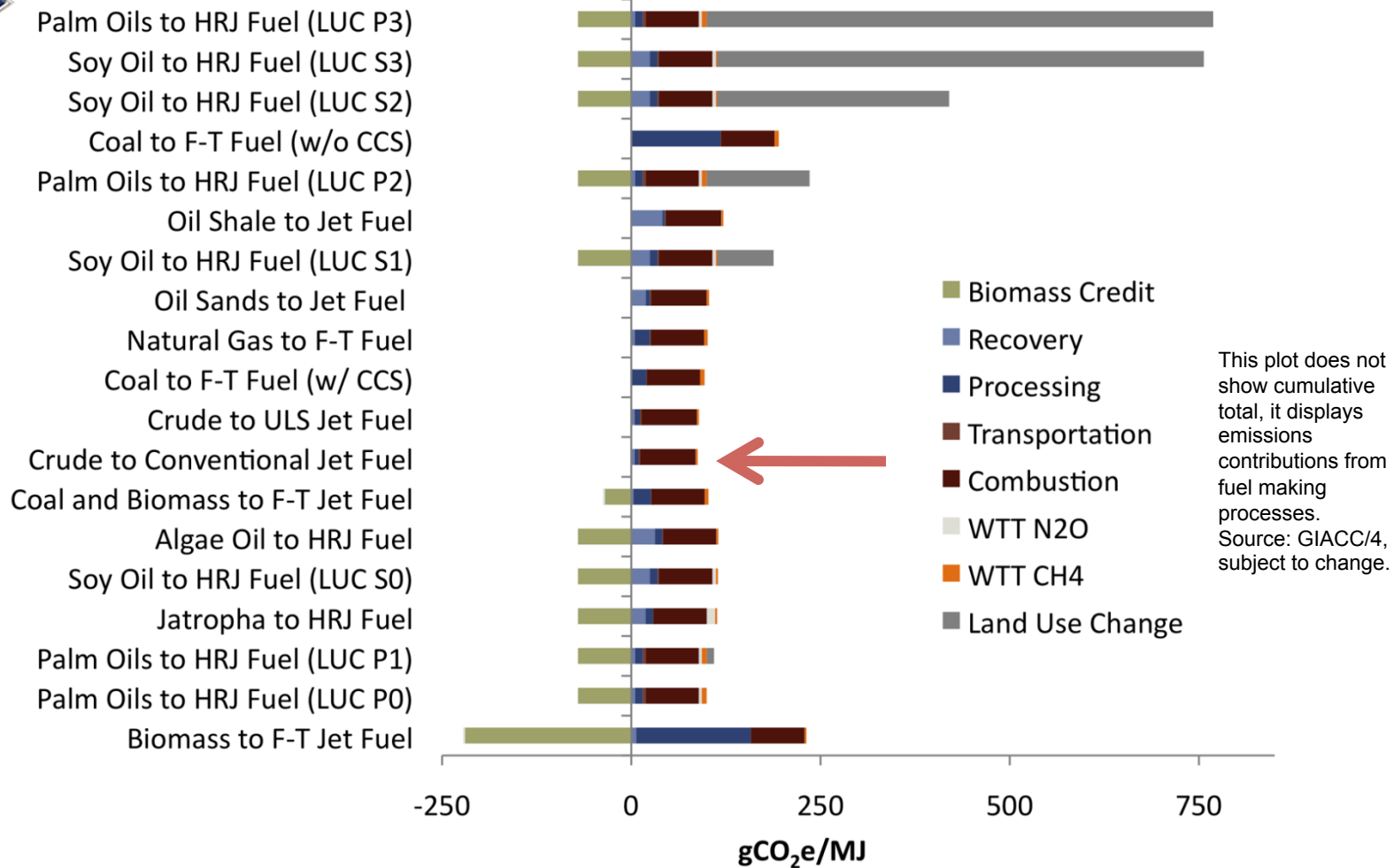
# Well-to-Wake GHG Emissions Algal-based Jet Fuels



- To achieve commercial growth rates, algae must be “fed” carbon dioxide from another source (beyond ambient).
- Have electricity, aviation, and biomass co-product output.



# Life-Cycle GHG Emissions



*Land use change and process uncertainties contribute to potential problems using some alternative fuels*

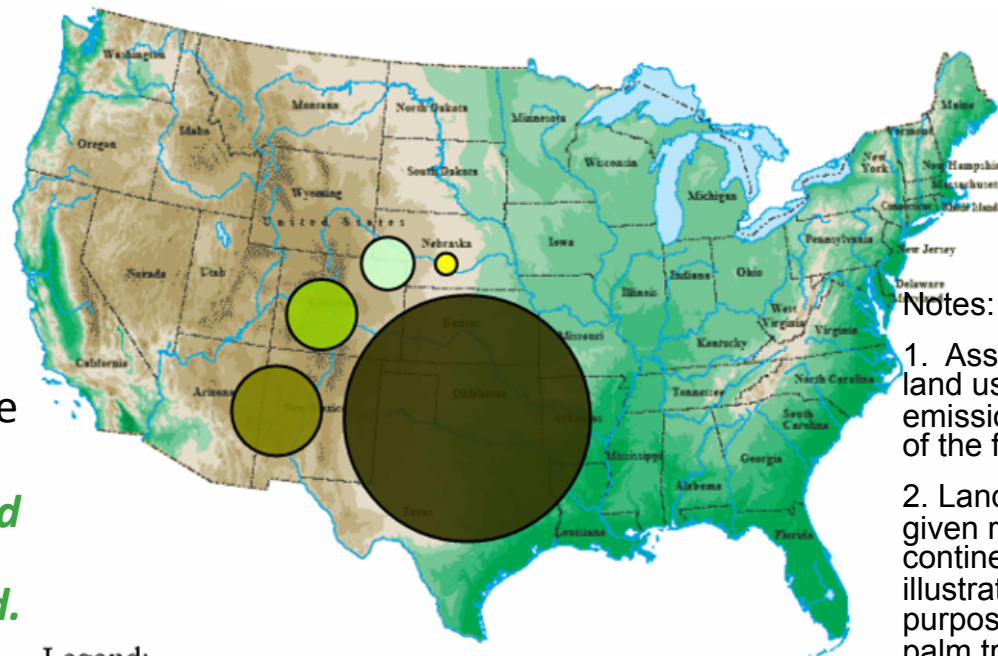
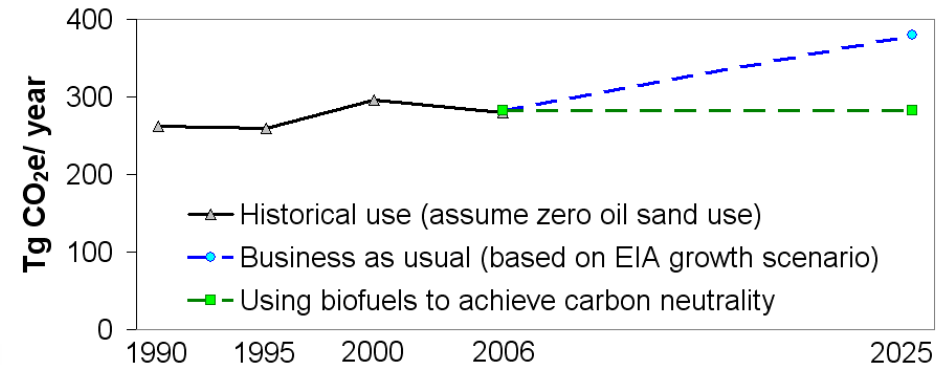
Jim Hileman MIT 2009

Land use change scenarios			
Soy oil to biojet pathway scenarios		Palm oil to biojet pathway scenarios	
LUC-S0	No land use change	LUC-P0	No land use change
LUC-S1	Grassland conversion to soybean field	LUC-P1	Logged over forest conversion to palm plantation field
LUC-S2	World wide conversion of non-cropland	LUC-P2	Tropical rainforest conversion to palm plantation field
LUC-S3	Tropical rainforest conversion to soybean field	LUC-P3	Peatland rainforest conversion to palm plantation field



## Carbon Neutral U.S. Aviation Growth

- Assessed potential for carbon neutral growth from 2006 to 2025.
- Analysis used biofuel life-cycle GHG emissions and yield per hectare.
- Circles show land area requirements for three existing and two hypothetical feedstocks.
- Soybean and palm requirements both exceed current production levels.
- Analysis looked at single feedstock solutions – practical approach is to consider multiple feedstock solutions.
- ***Need feedstocks with high yield and low life-cycle emissions that do not require arable land.***



### Legend:

- Soy oil (oil yield~550L/ha)
- Herbaceous biomass (using F-T process with ~11,000 kg biomass/ha)
- Palm oil (oil yield ~5600 L/ha)
- Feedstock B (oil yield~10,000L/ha)
- Feedstock D (oil yield~50,000L/ha)

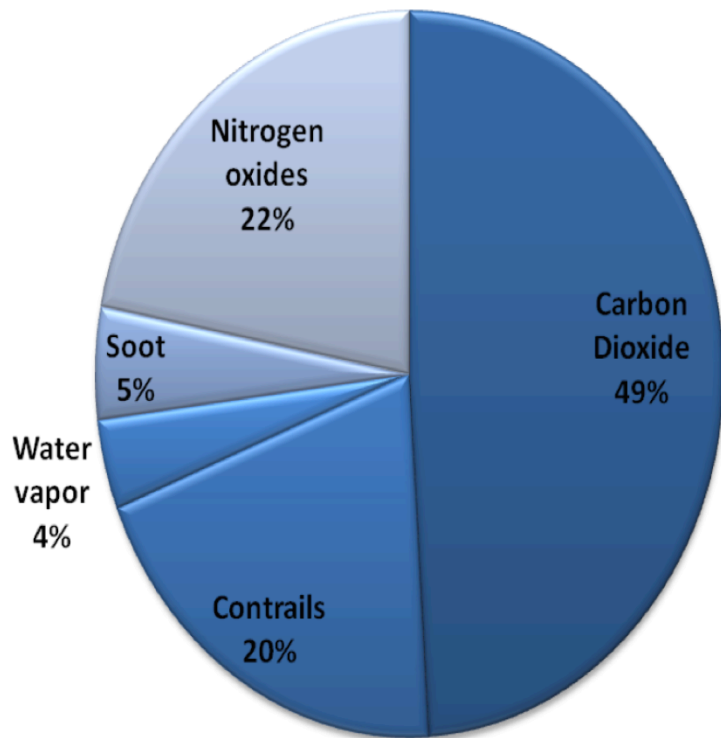
### Notes:

1. Assumed no land use change emissions with all of the feedstocks.
2. Land areas are given relative to continental U.S. for illustrative purposes (e.g., palm trees do not grow in Colorado).



# Contributions of Aviation to Global Climate Change

Estimated Relative Contribution of Aviation Emissions to Positive Radiative Forcing

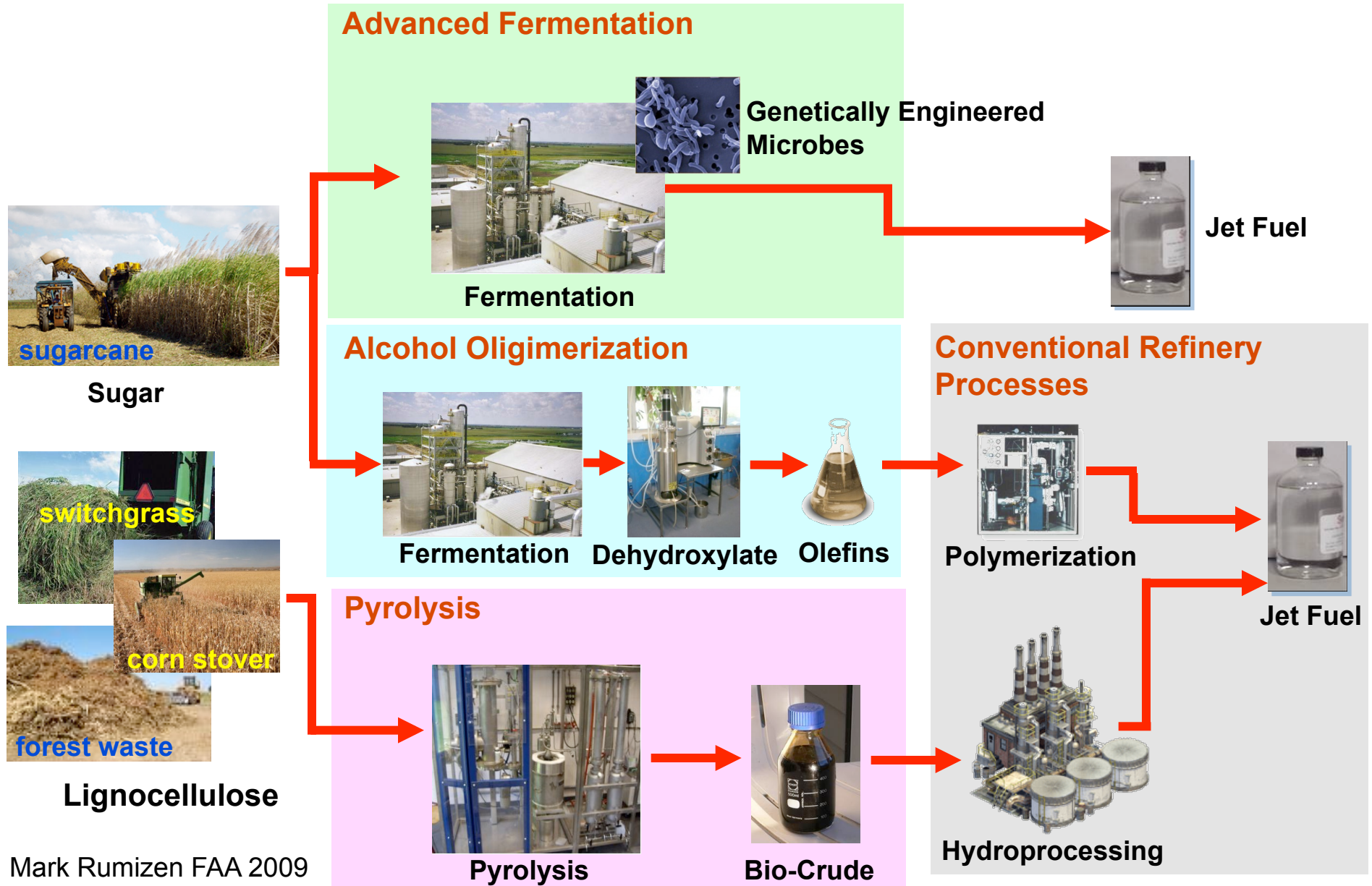


- CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions ~50% of the impact
  - Engine efficiency and alt fuels
- Combustor design could address ~27%
  - Examine realistic lower limits for NO<sub>x</sub> and soot relative to CO<sub>2</sub>
- Alternative fuels may impact ~74%
  - CO<sub>2</sub> recycling with properly chosen biofuels
  - Reductions in soot
  - Relationships between soot and sulfur and contrails exploration





# Cellulosic Fuels R&D (Next Generation Biofuel)







# Sustainability

- **Need to develop an aviation consensus view**
  - **Environmental sustainability**
    - Water usage
    - Water pollution
    - Local air quality
    - Global air quality
    - Land use changes
  - **Business sustainability**
    - Aviation sector performance is closely linked to fuel costs



# Energy Return On Investment

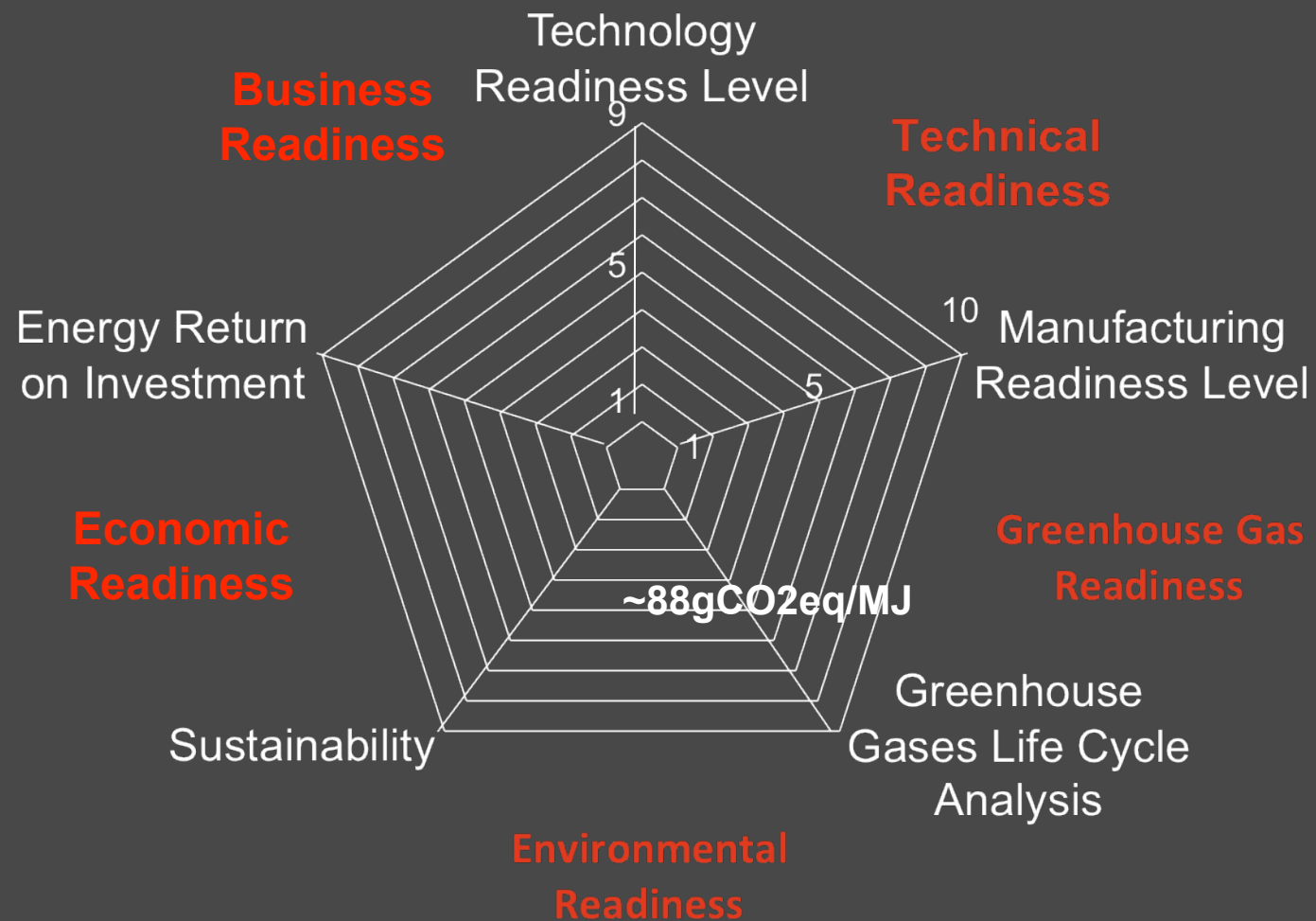


## Notional Concept:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Price} \\ \text{Of} \\ \text{Oil} \end{array} \sim \frac{(\text{Energy in the Fuel}) - (\text{Energy to Produce Fuel})}{(\text{Economic Cost of Producing bio-oil}) + (\text{Cost to Produce Fuel})}$$



# AF Alternative Fuel Score Card





# Summary



- **Air Force energy policy – Reduce Demand, Increase Supply and Change the Culture**
- **Air Force has led the way forward to evaluate and certify alternative fuels**
- **Alternative fuels offer potential to reduce green house gas and particulate emissions**
- **Air Force will certify its entire fleet by 2011 to use a 50/50 blend of FT fuels**
- **Air Force starting certification of HRJ biofuels**
- **Cellulosic derived fuel offer potential for low carbon footprint but require R&D**